La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Ave.
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La Peña Cultural Center

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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Wednesdays: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Thursday: 11am-2pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 10am-10:30pm
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* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California and the National Performance Network (NPN).

Two-Month Calendar
See back for April
Take Direct Action, End the War in Iraq!
visit: www.actagainstwar.net for info.

www.lapena.org

La Peña Cultural Center Calendar of Events • March 2008

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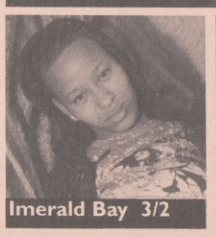

Imerald Bay 3/2

Mohja Kahf 3/20

La Peña Enseña / La Peña Teaches Launching New Classes

Bomba Percussion & Dance Youth Workshop
(Ages 7-16) Thursdays: March 13 - June 12
4:40-6pm, $25/4 classes or $75/semester
Instructors: **Shefali Shah** & **Hector Lugo**.

La Peña's Children's Chorus
Wednesdays: March 12 - June 11
4-5pm: 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders;
5-6pm: 4th graders & up | $10/class.
Instructor: **Melissa Rivera**.

Mexican Vocal Class
Mondays & Wednesdays: March 12 - June 11
6-7:30pm, $10/week. Classical vocal training and songs
Instructor: **Luis Gova**

Scholarships available, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact ***Sophia Sanchez*** *at 510-849-2568 x20 for class information, registration, and scholarship information, or visit www.lapena.org.*

SATURDAY

1 LOS MAPACHES 10:30AM

Ancient Mystic Productions Presents:
A Rude Awakening
A show case of live Reggae, Funk, and Hip Hop bands. A revolutionary journey. Definitely a must see show.
Ancient Mystic
Winstrong
Absoluther
$12 Doors @ **8:30pm**
Show begins @ **9:30pm**

SUNDAY

2 RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Napo Entertainment Presents
Political Truth's
A live hip hop show in support of the 911 movie *Loose Change*.
Headline performer:
Remo
conscious with thought crime syndicate. Special guest performance by
Imerald Bay
and others.
9pm $8

9 CAFE BOMBAZO 3-6PM

Mucho Axé & TerroRitmo!

Come enjoy a great night of salsa, cumbia, reggaeton, boogaloo, and the freshest local bands. Featuring young talents and great inspirations for a strong community.
8pm $10

16 RUMBA 3:30-6PM

The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership presents an evening with visiting artist from Spain
Juan del Gastor
Live flamenco music & dance, plus stories & video about Gypsy flamenco from *Morón de la Frontera*, part of the 2008 Centennial Tribute to Diego del Gastor (1908-1973).
More info: w.flamencofestivalSF.com
7pm $25 adv.
(limited premium seating $35)

23 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

CHECK WWW.LAPENA.ORG
FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

30 BENEFIT CONCERT

Join Bay Area artists from around the cultural globe for
An evening of music & spoken word
as they pay tribute to a special Patron of the Bay Area arts scene.
7pm $15*
Proceeds to benefit a charitable foundation for the arts.

Help Support La Peña with eScrip
EScrip is a way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

MON. & TUES. MUSIC CLASSES / FOR CLASS SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG

WEDNESDAY

5 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Wireless internet service @ Café Valparaíso

Direct Action to Stop the War. March 19 marks the 5th anniversay of the illegal invasion of Iraq. Visit www.actagainstwar.net for local direct actions to end the war.

12 POESÍA EN ESPAÑOL

Musas Peruanas
Un histórico reencuentro entre dos amigas
Gladys Basagoitia
Carmen Abad
Dos poetisas peruanas de una gran trayectoria en la poesía latinoamericana y peruana. Venga a escuchar las voces y las letras de estas extraordinarias mujeres, prolíficas autoras de numerosos libros.
7:30pm $5

19 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM

Supporting the art of Beatboxing
Speak the Music
DJ mimic, live looping, dancers, flute boxing, and the craziest & awesome expressions of sounds. Artists include but not limited to: **Syzygy, Monkstilo & Constant Change** from **Many Elements, D.C., Soulati & Infinite** from **Felonious, Eachbox, G, Butterscotc, The Genie, Icebox, Cornbread, Tim Barsky, Maximillion,** and more.
8pm $8 (also see April 24)

26 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Not a big enough house for all your friends?
LA PEÑA FOR RENT
Plan your activities at La Peña
Call (510) 849-2568 ext. 13

THURSDAY

6 BOOK RELEASE

César A. Cruz's
Revenge of the Ilegal Alien:
A Mexican Takes on the Empire
Performances by Def Poet Mark Gonzalez. Teatro by headRush & Semilla. Poetry by Paul Flores, Adriana Cabrera-Garcia, Yosimar Reyes, Lydia Martinez, Trevor Gardner, Liza Gesuden, David Philoxene, Janet Stickmon, Gerald Reyes, Freddy Mesa, & Israel Haros. Singers Fred Jackson & Lizbeth Gomez.
7:30pm $15, $5 students
Sponsored by KPFA's La Onda Bajita

13 DAY OF ACTION

Help Save Patagonia's Wild Rivers
Join us on the 11th Annual International Day of Action for Rivers, for a multimedia presentation & discussion about two spectacular rivers in Patagonia that are threatened by large dam construction.
6pm happy hour with Pascua River expedition members.
7:30 pm show. **FREE**
More info: 510-848-1155 or www.internationalrivers.org.

20 JUNE JORDAN'S POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE PRESENTS

Third Thursdays in South Berkeley
A multi-generational poetry conversation in words & music with UCB poets & special guests. Hosted by Aya de León.
Mohja Kahf
poet & novelist (The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf, Emails from Scheherazad)
Ananda Esteva
P4P Artist in residence
Imani Uzuri NYC vocalist
7:30pm $15 gen./$7
(students/youth/senior/disabled)

27 POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE OPEN MIC CAFE LOBBY 7:30PM FREE

FRIDAY

7 DANCE

Based out of the South Bay representing all Latino America
La Colectiva
are all students of Folklor *Latinoamericano*. We use that as our base in creating a very raw roots hard driving sound. Cumbia Colombiana, salsa, Son y mas.
9pm $10

14 PERFORMANCE

Golden Thread Productions present
What do the women say?
An evening of poetry and performance exploring the Middle East. Dance performance by **Lana Nasser.** Staged Reading of *The Body Washer* by **Rosemary Toohey** Poetry by **Haleh Hatami.**
8pm $8 adv. $10 dr.

21 CONCERT

Fusión latinoamericana del alma y pa'l corazón·
Los Materos
Welcome the spring with Los Materos and friends. A fabulous evening of post-folk Latin American fusion. With Maria Loreto, Axel, Poncho, Jairo, Alberto & special guests.
8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.
Free after party with DJ Sákate in the Café Valparaíso lobby.

28 SOLO PERFORMANCE

AMOR CUBANO: *In a bottle, a tube and a small packet.*
Written and performed by **Maceo Cabrera Estevez.** Directed by **Eric Aviles.**
Welcome to the world of Barbarita Perales, creator of *Amor Cubano*, the only product that puts the essence of all that's Cuban in a bottle, a tube & a small packet and sells it on an infomercial. *Amor Cubano* is so powerful it can make Berkeley people have bed-breaking sex, stop cops from shutting down the immigrant rights rally and make your Castro-hating Cuban mom wise up. But can it bring Barbarita's son home from Iraq? Is it powerful enough to end the war and stop Homeland Security from deporting Barbarita?
Thursday: $5-$20 Sliding scale. Q&A after the show.
Friday & Saturday: $12 adv., $12 students & seniors, $15 dr.
Stay for the closing reception on Saturday, March 29, 2008!

8 THE PIPSQUEAKS 10:30AM

International Women's Day Concert with
Lichi Fuentes
Singer and composer Lichi Fuentes in a celebratory concert of Latin American songs with **Alisa Peres, Hugo Wainzinger, Raul Ramirez,** and guest artists.
8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.
Ostracismos Exhibit opening at Cafe at 6:30pm

15 MARIELA & MONICA10:30AM

Jon Fromer
A singer/songwriter whose music is at the heart of movements for social justice, from the SOA protests in Georgia to Bay Area picket lines. He has a new CD coming out in March.
emma's revolution
Pat Humphries & Sandy O. are winners of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. Their music has been featured on Democracy Now.
8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.

22 UNCLE EYE 10:30AM

We Salute Women's month
Clitoris Celebration: Think Outside the Box
Featuring talented musicians and drummers w/performances of the Off-Broadway Show written by **Sia Amma** and directed by Gloria Weinstock.
8pm $15 adv. $15-20 sliding scale at the door. (Material is adult in nature)
Proceeds to buy school supplies needed for young girls in the poverty-stricken countries Liberia, Sierra Leone, & Guinea.

29 RAFAEL MANRIQUEZ 10:30AM

Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Saturday Mornings Kid Shows

10:30am. Adults $5, Children $4, Family pass $12

Sat., March 1:
Los Mapaches
Great Andean music.

Sat., March 8:
Abby and The Pipsqueaks perform dance and interactive songs.

Sat., March 15:
Mariela & Monica perform songs in Spanish for the entire family.

Sat., March 22:
Uncle Eye and *The Strange Change Machine* play happy interactive silly songs for children.

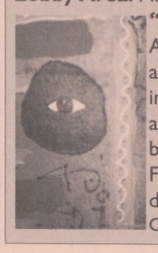
Sat., March 29: **Rafael Manriquez** features songs in Spanish.

LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Café: March 5-April 28, ***"Another Xicano Vision".*** **Photographs by Maximillian Monroy-Miller.** Another perspective from another Xicano who loves the world. Free to be interpreted.

Theater: April 3-April 29. Laney Printmakers at La Peña.

Lobby Area: March 1– April29.



"Ostracismos". Using paints made with African pigments and white glue, Chilean artist and song-writer **Osvaldo Torres,** creates images to *Ostracismos*, a selection of poems about exile and resistance written with his brother, La Peña's staff collective member, Fernando (Feña) during the Chilean dictatorship rule in the late seventies.
Opening at 6:30pm on 3/8, before Lichi's show.

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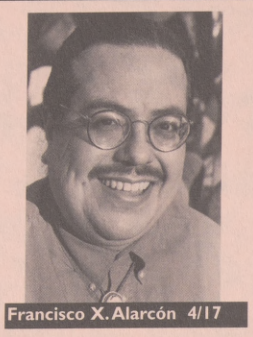
Francisco X. Alarcón 4/17

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 SOCIAL INVESTING	**3** BENEFIT FUNDRAISER	**4** DANCE	**5** BONNIE LOCKHART 10:30AM
Interactive presentation **Microfinance - A Global Tool to Reduce Poverty** With speakers and videos, learn how you can participate with any size investment. Another World is Possible! **7:30pm Free** Spon. by the Calvert Foundation www.Calvertfoundation.org For more info:510-622-0202	**Ramas: Bahia a la Isla** Help Oakland Students Travel to Puerto Rico. Screening of **Pa'Lante: Young Lords Documentary**. Performances by **Ise Lyfe, Rico Pabon, Big Dan, DJ Prieto,** and more. **7:30pm $8 gen. $5 students** ($15 includes CD by DJ Twelvz)	High-energy latin dance music and soulful R&B. **Orquesta d'Soul** Led by trumpeter, singer, and composer Marina Garza, ODS inspires people to get up and dance. The all-female front line delivers a rich show that combines dance moves and lyrics in English, Spanish, and Japanese. **9pm $12**	Liberation Concert/Dance Featuring West African master drummer **Bolokada Conde**, lead drummer of Percussion du Guinea, along with Bay Area Percussion Ensemble, celebrate Guinea's 50th year of independence. A show case of Malinke rhythms from his new CD. Dance party to follow. **8:30pm $15 adv. $20 dr.**
9 BENEFIT LECTURE	**10** CONCERT	**11** CALIFORNIA'S MUSICA MEXICANA	**12** JERRY KENNEDY 10:30AM
A lecture and portrait show featuring world renowned expert on faces and emotion. **Dr. Paul Ekman** discusses portraits from media to art and social anthropology. Benefit for Ethsix Magazine. **7:30pm $10-100 sliding scale*** More info: www.ethsix.com	An evening of activism with social change artists **Holly Near & emma's revolution** A dynamic evening of song, talk, and music that will rouse your spirits, inspire motivation, and move you to your higher self. **8pm $20 adv. $25 dr.**	A Multi-Part Series of Music from Mexico's five distinctive geographic regions (see below for details) hosted by Jose Cuellar, Ph.D., (*a.k.a. Dr. Loco*). ***Panorama Musical Mexicano*** **Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band & La Familia Peña-Govea** plus special guests! **7:30pm:** panel with artists. ***8:30pm:*** show. ***$12, $10 before 7:30 pm***	A night filled with music & dance from Latin America! **Nosotras** Sophisticated all women group dedicated to preserving the beauty and wealth of Latin American music & dance. With ***Lichi Fuentes, Rosa Los Santos, Fernanda Bustamante, KTOrphan, MJ Bauen.*** Special guests ***Anahi Hernandez & Las Bomberas de la Bahía.*** **8:30pm $13 adv. $15 dr.**
13 CAFE BOMBAZO 3-5PM	**16** OPEN MIC POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM	**17** JUNE JORDAN'S POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE PRESENTS	**18** HAVANA DANCE PARTY	**19** BETSY STERN 10:30AM
CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH & FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG**	**Adv. Ticket Information** Advance sale tickets are available for a **select** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. ***Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.*** People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20**	A multi-generational conversation in words & music hosted by ***Aya de León***. Poet **Francisco X. Alarcon** (Snake Poems: An Aztec Invocation, De amor oscuro/Of Dark Love) Poet **Aimee Suzara** Emcee **Rico Pabon** **7:30pm $15 gen./$7** (students/youth/senior/disabled)	Considered by many critics to be one of the best Latin American bands in the Bay Area, the eight-piece Afro-Cuban Latin band **Los Boleros** is bringing their sound to La Peña for an evening of tropical Latin beats and traditional melodies that will not only provoke your passion for music but compell you to dance. **9pm $10**	Concert **Vladimir Vukanovich** presents 100 years of Peruvian Criollo music from Pinglo to Chabuca Granda, plus presentation of *marinera limeña* and *marinera norteña*. **8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.**
20 RUMBA 3:30-6PM	**23** BENEFIT CONCERT	**24** POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE OPEN MIC CAFE LOBBY 7:30PM FREE	**25** THEATER	**26** KIDS CONCERT SEASON FINALE W/ COLIBRI 10:30AM
BENEFIT **I-Pride Multi-Grain Fundraiser Event** Check I-Pride website, www.ipride.org, for details.	Code Pink Benefit Concert **Rebecca Riots, Melanie DeMore, Betsy Rose & Kelly Takunda-Orphan** in a fundraising concert celebrating the peace activism of Code Pink. Original songs, percussion, and updates on Code Pink's colorful and confrontational actions locally and nationally. **7:30pm $10-$20 sliding scale***	Supporting the art of Beatboxing, **Speak the Music** DJ mimic, live looping, dancers, flute boxing, and the craziest & awesome expressions of sounds. Artists include but not limited to: **Syzygy, Monkstilo & Constant Change** from **Many Elements, D.C., Soulati & Infinite** from **Felonious, Eachbox, G, Butterscotc, The Genie, Icebox, Cornbread, Tim Barsky, Maximillion,** and more. **8pm $8**	The story continues to grow as new refugees pour into this country. What can we learn from the wounds of a war 30 years ago? And how do we find healing? ***Refugee Nation*** *Written and performed by Leilani Chan and Ova Saopeng.* A young generation struggles to understand their history and the silence of an elder generation, still healing from the traumas of the U.S. waged, secret war in Laos, during the Vietnam War era. Based on the stories of Laotian refugees and their descendants: a mother lives in the darkness of a South L.A. apartment, a father struggles to forget a lost war, a daughter searches for answers about her community. **8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**	
27 Mexican Music Clinic/Jam 3-6pm in the Café lobby (see box below) **FLAMENCO** **Salvadora Galan** Performing flamenco puro and contemporary flamenco music. The uniqueness of her talent is that she not only sings flamenco but also accompanies herself on the guitar, which is unheard of in the flamenco world and much less from a female artist. **7pm $12 adv. $14 dr.**	**30** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN **La Peña Wish List** • Bass amp • Keyboard • Mac laptop with wireless • PC laptop with wireless • 10'X12' carpet for the kid's programs • Shure 58 & 57 mics • Flat panel screen for computer			

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Los Boleros 4/18

Refugee Nation 4/25 & 26 Photo by Phil Nee

California's Música Mexicana: Mexican Music Series Hosted by Jose Cuellar, a.k.a. "Dr. Loco"

This series will feature music from Mexico's five distinctive geographic regions.

Jose Cuellar, Ph.D. (a.k.a. Dr. Loco), noted Xicano musician and SFSU professor, will host the events, engaging the featured artists in lively panel discussions followed by exceptional evenings of musica mexicana!

Friday, April 11: A musical survey of Mexico featuring ***Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band,*** *with past and present bandmembers,* ***La Familia Peña-Govea***, plus other guest performers from the series.

Saturday, May 3: Mariacho Postmoderno with La Familia Peña-Govea playing rancheras, waltzes, polkas & cumbias.

Future Shows will feature Conjunto Music, Mariachi and Son Jarocho, as well as Latin Alternative music that draws from Mexican traditional music fusing it with 21st century sounds.

Also check: **Mexican Music Classes** Every Tuesday Night at La Peña - Free!
Acordeón with Jose Cuellar, 6:30-7:45pm • **Mexican Guitar** with Tomas Montoya, 6:30-7:45pm.

Mexican Music Clinic & Tardeada: Sunday, April 27 with Miguel Govea. From 3-4:30pm learn about the Corrido tradition; 4:30-6pm, Tardeada jam session in La Peña's Café.

Coming soon: A Mexican Vocal class!
Email Sophia@lapena.org if you want to receive information on upcoming events or register for a class, o

Nosotras 4/12

L@s Amiguit@s de La Peña
La Peña's Little Friends series

Every Saturday morning remember to turn off your TV, get your coffee early, and bring your kids to experience and participate in our lively and educational programs.
10:30am. Adults $5, Kids $4, Family pass $12.

Saturday, April 5:
Bonnie Lockhart, guitar & vocals.

Saturday, April 12:
Jerry Kennedy performs the blues and soul music for kids.

Saturday, April 19:
Betsy Stern performs songs in Spanish, French, and English.

Saturday, April 26:
Season Finale with **Colibri**.
Songs from all over Latin America.

Making a Difference through the Arts!

Yes, I want to Support La Peña's 33rd year of making a difference through the arts!

La Peña is a 501c non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

☐ **$500** *Padrino/Madrina* – receive an **Annual Pass,** which gets you free admission to **all La Peña events**
☐ **$250** *Victor Jara* – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
☐ **$100** *Paul Robeson* – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
☐ **$50** *Malvina Reynolds* – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
☐ **$35** *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)
☐ **$25** *Activista* – Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only $2 per month)

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